

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting a radical reaction, comprising  
incorporating a composition comprising as an effective ingredient a cyclotetrasaccharide represented by ~~cyclo{>6)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>3)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>}~~  
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D-glucopyranosyl-(1>3)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>} or a mixture of said cyclotetrasaccharide and its saccharide derivative(s) into a composition comprising ~~an~~ one or more unsaturated compounds selected from the group consisting of fatty acids, simple lipids, conjugated lipids and alcohols in order to prevent an ingredient in said composition other than said unsaturated compound from being denatured by a peroxide of an said unsaturated compound, formed by radical reaction.

Claims 13-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) In a method for the treatment of idiopathic ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease,

comprising administering to a person in need thereof an agent for said treatment, the improvement wherein said agent comprises a composition comprising as an effective ingredient a cyclotetrasaccharide represented by ~~cyclo{>6)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>3)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>6)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>3)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>}~~ cyclo{>6)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>3)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>6)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>3)- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1>} or a mixture of said cyclotetrasaccharide and its saccharide derivative(s) administered in an amount sufficient for said treatment.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~17, wherein said composition comprising as an effective ingredient said cyclotetrasaccharide further contains trehalose and/or maltitol.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~17, wherein said composition comprising as an effective ingredient said cyclotetrasaccharide further contains a radical scavenger.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said radical scavenger is one or more members selected from the group consisting of vitamins, flavonoids, polyphenols, terpenes, unsaturated fatty acids, and antioxidants.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~17, wherein said composition comprising as an effective ingredient said cyclotetrasaccharide further contains one or more members selected from the group consisting of reducing saccharides, non-reducing saccharides, cyclodextrins, water-soluble polysaccharides, spices, acids, tastes, alcohols, inorganic salts, emulsifiers, flavors, and pigments.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~17, wherein said composition comprising as an effective ingredient said cyclotetrasaccharide contains said cyclotetrasaccharide in an amount of at least 1 w/w %, on a dry solid basis.